

Cromwell



S H A M R O C K S T O R E,
CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SHANLY & Co.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION
M E R C H A N T S.

A large and varied assortment of
WINES, SPIRITS, AND GROCERIES.

Goods delivered in all parts of the district,
free of charge.



D A V I D A. J O L L Y & C O.,
WHOLESALE
AND
RETAIL
FAMILY GROCERS,
AND
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

D. A. JOLLY & CO. desire to return thanks to the people of Cromwell and the surrounding districts for the liberal encouragement they have received since opening the above establishment; and as they intend devoting their attention exclusively to the Grocery and Wine and Spirit trade, they confidently hope, from their connection in Dunedin, to be able to place before the public a genuine class of goods, well and carefully selected, at prices that cannot fail to give general satisfaction. They would respectfully invite attention more especially to the following articles in stock:—

Teas of excellent flavor, in chests, half-chests, and boxes
Coffees not to be surpassed in quality
Cocoa and Chocolate of the best brands
Sugar—crystals and crushed loaf
Raisins—Muscatel, Sultana, and Eleme
Jams, Jellies, Pickles, and Sauces
Bacon, Cheese, and Butter of prime quality
Tobacco—Imperial Ruby Twist, Barrett's
Twist, Old Sport, and Aromatic
Oils—Salad, Castor, and Kerosene
Candies of the best brands
Soaps—Blue Mottled, Yellow, and Scented in
bars and cakes, &c., &c.

GRAIN.
Wakatip Oats, Wheat, and Chaff
SPIRITS.
Islay Whisky—Arbeg's and Long Jones'
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and case
J.D.K.Z. Geneva
Burnett's Old Tom
Lemon Hart's Rum in bulk
Porter—Blood's, Byass's, and Guinness's
CORDIALS.
Ginger Wine, Raspberry Vinegar, Peppermint,
Lemon Syrup, &c., &c.
Dr Townsend's Sarsaparilla

Families waited on for orders, and goods delivered in all parts of the district at Cromwell prices.

NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned, beg to inform the inhabitants of the Cromwell, Alexandra, and Clyde districts that we have appointed I. Hallenstein and Co., Cromwell, as our only AGENTS for the sale of our Silk-dressed FLOUR, BRAN, AND POLLARD.

We guarantee all Flour branded with our name, and obtained through the above agents.
ROBERTSON & HALLENSTEIN,
Brunswick Flour Mills,
LAKE WAKATIP.



**F. S A N S O M, S A D D L E R
A N D
H A R N E S S - M A K E R,**
Begs to inform the public that he is carrying on business at the Premises lately occupied by Mr Raven, in Cromwell, and trusts, by strict attention and moderate charges, to merit the public patronage.

Collars, Pack-saddles, and Harness of every description made on the premises.

Repairs done on the shortest notice.

Cromwell

[A CARD.]

D R. J A M E S C O R S E,
SURGEON,
May be consulted daily at his residence,
MELMORE TERRACE,
CROMWELL.

[A CARD.]

M R. H. W. S M Y T H I E S
MINING SURVEYOR,
C R O M W E L L.

JUNCTION COMMERCIAL HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

J O S E P H H A R D I N G begs to intimate that he has purchased from Mr G. W. Goonger the above large and centrally-situated Hotel, and is now in a position to offer accommodation of a superior description to all who may favor him with their patronage.

His past experience in the WINE and SPIRIT trade, will he trusts, be a sufficient guarantee that the Spirits and Malt Liquors served will be as pure as on the day they left the vintery or the distillery.

The BEDROOMS, PRIVATE PARLORS, &c., are fitted up in the best style, and every attention will be paid to secure the comfort and convenience of visitors.

Large and Comfortable

B I L L I A R D R O O M,
Fitted with one of Alcock's Tables.

Particular attention has been paid to the STABLES
In connection with the Hotel, and the public may rely on

Every Care being taken of their HORSES.

MEALS ready at ALL HOURS of the day.

J. HARDING.

Bridge Hotel, Cromwell.

JOHN MARSH,

OF THE BRIDGE HOTEL, CROMWELL,

IS DETERMINED TO GIVE VALUE FOR MONEY

K A W A R A U H O T E L,
CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SMITHAM PROPRIETOR.

The best conducted and most comfortable Hotel in the District.

A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD ROOM,
With one of Alcock's best Tables.

N.B.—W. S. having erected a large range of Stabling, would intimate to Travellers that every care will be bestowed upon horses. An experienced groom in attendance.

DAGG'S

C L U T H A H O T E L,
CROMWELL.

Best Accommodation for Visitors.

PRETTY FAIR LIQUOR.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING.

Cromwell

CARRICK RANGE REEFS! GOOD INVESTMENT!
CHEAP TIMBER!

WE beg to call the attention of parties who intend building to our stock of Colonial & American Timber, Galvanized and Painted Iron, Building Materials, Builders' Ironmongery, Serum for lining, Paints, Oils, and Paperhangings.

The LARGEST and CHEAPEST STOCK in Cromwell!

Goods delivered to the Carrick Range Reefs, and all parts of the district.

I. HALLENSTEIN AND CO.,
Timber Merchants & Ironmongers. C.I.

NOTICE.

POISON for DOGS is laid on ARDGOUR STATION. ALEX. MCLEAN,

Manager.

NOTICE.

POISON for DOGS will be laid on MOUNT PISA STATION on and after this date. I. LOUGHNAN.

Mount Pisa, 12th May 1870.—27c



CROMWELL.

FREE TRADE BUTCHERY,
(Wholesale and Retail).

JAMES DAWKINS - PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

* * Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.

BEEF, BY THE QUARTER, 3d per lb.



OWEN PIERCE,
SMITHFIELD CO.'S BUTCHERY
CROMWELL.

Thanks his customers and the public generally for the patronage they have so liberally bestowed upon him. He now begs to announce that he is in a position to supply

FIRST-CLASS MEAT

AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES:

Mutton (Quarters), 3d. to 4d. per lb.

Mutton (Sides), 3d. per lb.

Beef (boiling), 5d. per lb.

Beef (roasting), 6d. per lb.

Chops, 6d. per lb.

Rump Steaks, 6d. per lb.

Sausages, 9d. per lb.

Families waited on for orders.

KARL PRETSCH,

COACH & GENERAL PAINTER,
etc.,

Has now PAPERHANGINGS, PAINTS of every description, GLASS, and MOULDINGS, on Sale at Low Prices.

Contracts undertaken for General Painting, Decoration, and Sign Writing.

Buggies and Vehicles of every description painted in the best style.

Colours Prepared in any Shade required

Address: Next door but one to MARSH'S BRIDGE HOTEL, CROMWELL.

W I L L I A M B A R N E S,
BLACKSMITH AND FARRIER,

Begs to announce to the inhabitants of CROMWELL and the surrounding Districts that he is now carrying on the above business near the Bridge Hotel; and trusts, by strict attention to business, coupled with moderate charges, to secure a share of the work of the district.

A Consignment of the "GOODENOUGH" PATENT HORSE-SHOES having now arrived, you will have an opportunity of testing the latest improved principle.

The undersigned has had long practice on the above patent, and the public may rely upon the efficiency of the workmanship.

WILLIAM BARNES,

Blacksmith and Farrier.

N.B.—Next the Bridge Hotel.

VICTORIA FIRE AND GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL £2,200,000.

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,
AGENTS,
CROMWELL.

Cromwell

Every Description
of
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Executed with
Neatness
and
DESPATCH.

The Cromwell Argus
NEWSPAPER
AND
GENERAL

PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT
(Adjoining the Council Chamber),

MELMORE TERRACE, CROMWELL.

Matthews and Fenwick,

COMMERCIAL AND GENERAL PRINTERS,

Beg to inform the public of Cromwell and the Northern Gold-Fields that they have just

received a beautiful assortment of Jobbing Type, which will enable them to execute orders for every description of PLAIN and ORNAMENTAL PRINTING in the best style of the Art.

Cards: all sizes and Colours; Posters, of any size, in Black or Coloured Inks; Hand-Bills, Show-Cards, Circulars; Labels, Counter Bills, Bill-Heads; Auctioneer's and other Catalogues, Pamphlets; Cheque, Receipt and Delivery Books, &c. &c. &c.

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Matthews & Fenwick,

Proprietors and Publishers.

Arrowtown

R. P R I T C H A R D,
Wholesale and Retail Storekeeper,
WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANT,
ARROWTOWN.

The largest and best-assorted stock of Wines, Spirits, Groceries, and Provisions in the district. A well-assorted stock of Boots and Shoes, Drapery, &c. Agent for T. ROBINSON & Co., Agricultural Implement Manufacturers, Dunedin & Melbourne.

Queenstown

JOHN O. M'ARDELL,
MINING AGENT, SHAREBROKER,
AND
General Commission Agent,
Valuator, and Accountant,
ARROWTOWN AND QUEENSTOWN.

Stock, Agricultural Produce, and General Merchandise Bought and Sold on Commission.

ROBERT BOYNE,
GENERAL STOREKEEPER
AND NEWS AGENT,
Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu.

A large stock of Groceries and other goods always on hand. Importer of English and Colonial Newspapers. Orders punctually attended to, and newspapers forwarded to any part of the district.

Agent for the CROMWELL ARGUS.

[A CARD.]

D. P O W E L L,
AUCTIONEER, &c.

SALE ROOMS - BALLARAT STREET,
QUEENSTOWN.

Ballarat St. (opposite the Family Hotel).

WATCH REPAIRING AND
CLEANING.

CHARLES BEEBY,
(Formerly of Cromwell),
WATCHMAKER & MANUFACTURING JEWELLER,

Rees-street, Queenstown,
Begs to inform the inhabitants of the Cromwell District that any work entrusted to him will be executed by an EXPERIENCED WORKMAN, with accuracy and despatch.

Colonial Jewellery of all descriptions, trademarked, made on the premises.

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QUEEN'S ARMS HOTEL,
QUEENSTOWN.

A. EICHARDT PROPRIETOR.

The accommodation available for Families at this Hotel is equal to any obtainable in the Metropolis. A large and handsome two-storey STONE BUILDING, fronting the Lake, and having a private entrance from the beach, has just been completed, and is furnished and fitted up in a style the most costly and luxurious.

Best Stables in Queenstown.

SAMPLE ROOMS FOR COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

Bendigo Gully

BENDIGO REEFS HOTEL
WAKEFIELD.

The undersigned having recently completed the above house at great expense, begs to intimate that he is now in a position to offer the best Accommodation to his patrons. The house has been fitted with every convenience for carrying on an extensive trade, and the comfort of visitors and boarders will be specially attended to.

Convenient BILLIARD ROOM, with one of the best Tables.

W. GOODALL,
Proprietor.

JOSIAH MITCHINSON,
Wholesale and Retail
STOREKEEPER,
WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANT,
WAKEFIELD STORE,
(Near Cromwell Quartz Co.'s Machine),
BENDIGO.

GODS DELIVERED
At all parts of the Reefs.

BENDIGO POST OFFICE.

Bendigo Gully, &c.

Rocky Point Ferry,
On the Main Line of Government
Road to Bendigo.

REDUCED FARES.

GEORGE M'LACHLAN begs to intimate that he has purchased from Mr John McCormick, together with the ROCKY POINT FERRY HOTEL, the large and well-furnished PUNT recently placed on the Clutha at the above crossing place.

This Punt is admitted to be one of the finest in the Province, and easily crosses the heaviest six and eight-horse waggons. Forty tons can be taken on the punt at once, and crossed with ease.

This being the nearest road to Bendigo, parties visiting the Reefs will find it to their advantage to cross at this punt. Vehicles of all descriptions ferried at moderate rates.

ALBION HOTEL AND STORE

LUGGAGE,

23 miles from Cromwell, on the main road to Lake Wanaka.

J. H. MAIDMAN Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation for the comfort and convenience of travellers.

Groceries, Clothing, Drapery, Ironmongery, Mining Tools, &c., &c., constantly on hand, at Cromwell prices.

GOOD STABLING.

N. B. - District Post Office.

Hawea and Wanaka

H A W E A S A W - M I L L S.

The undersigned can supply SAWN TIMBER in any quantity.

Orders addressed to Albert Town will be punctually attended to, and forwarded to Bendigo Gully for 2s per 100 feet.

BOARDS and SCANTLING at 16s. per 100 feet super, at the foot of the Lake (GLADSTONE), whence they can be conveyed by dray to Bendigo Gully or elsewhere.

J. D. ROSS,
Hawea Saw-mills.

WANAKA HOTEL, PEMBROKE

The above hotel, which is delightfully situated on the margin of the Wanaka Lake, offers to the tourist and pleasure-seeker advantages rarely to be met with.

The scenery in the neighbourhood is exceedingly picturesque; and on an Island in the Lake there is excellent rabbit-shooting.

An excellent Four-stalled STABLE, and a PADDOCK, for horses.

THEODORE RUSSELL,
Proprietor.

Nevis

B R I T I S H S T O R E S,

Nevis.

C O A L C R E E K H O T E L,
HALF WAY BETWEEN
CROMWELL AND LAWRENCE.

The above hotel possesses excellent accommodation for travellers, who may rely upon receiving every attention. The house is situated on the main road from Tuapeka to Cromwell, and affords a convenient stopping-place for horsemen and passengers by coach.

The Dunstan and Tuapeka Mail Coach passes the door twice a week, and the daily increasing traffic sufficiently proves that this road is recognised as the best route from Dunedin to the northern Gold-Fields.

GENERAL STORE DISTRICT POST-OFFICE.

N. B. - First-class Stabling. Horses for hire paddock accommodation.

R. AYLING,
Proprietor.

WILLIAM PYLE,

P O S T O F F I C E S T O R E

ST. BATHANS.

Provisions, Wines, Spirits, Books, Stationery, Clocks, Drugs, Musical Instruments, and Fancy Goods of every description always on hand.

Agent for the CROMWELL ARGUS.

Bannockburn

S T U A R T'S F E R R Y,

KAWARAU RIVER.



Main crossing-place between Cromwell and the Nevis for Waggons, Drays, Horses, and Foot passengers.

Children attending School, Free.

THE FERRY HOTEL

Has first-class accommodation for Travellers.

B A N N O C K B U R N H O T E L & S T O R E,
D O C T O R ' S F L A T, B A N N O C K B U R N,

(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock.

The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

N. B. - Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

The new Ferry being now OPEN FOR TRAFFIC, the Public are invited to cross the Kawarau River on the

BEST PUNT IN THE PROVINCE, which is on the direct road to Bannockburn, the Nevis, and the Carrick Range Reefs.

John Richards - Proprietor

C H U N G H U N G L U N G,
having purchased the interest of AH KONG in the Bannockburn Store, invites the Patronage of the Public and his countrymen.

B A N N O C K B U R N C O A L M I N E.

ALLEY AND GOODWIN,

COAL MERCHANTS,

Having obtained a lease of the above well-known Coal Works, beg leave to return thanks for past favours, and to inform their numerous customers at the Bannockburn, Gorge, Bendigo, and the inhabitants of the district generally that they are now prepared to supply (in any quantity) COAL of excellent quality, at their usual moderate prices viz., 15s per ton; delivered, at from 1s 9d per bag and upwards, according to distance.

N. B. - Drays leave the Bannockburn for Cromwell twice a week. Loading carried back on reasonable terms.

C A R R I C K R A N G E H O T E L,
CARRICK RANGE HOTEL.

C A R R I C K R A N G E HOTEL,
Opposite the Royal Standard Co.'s Battery,
SMITH'S CREEK.

The erection of the above Hotel is now completed, and every portion of it has been planned and built under the experienced supervision of the Proprietor, with a special view to its adaptability for the comfort and convenience of its patrons.

The Carrick Range Hotel is within easy distance of the various Reefs, and an excellent dray-road (constructed at great expense by the Royal Standard Company) extends from the base to the summit of the Range.

The accommodation comprises Bar and Parlour, handsomely fitted up; large and well-furnished Dining Room; Private Parlour; magnificent Hall, large and lofty, built expressly for Balls, Public meetings, &c.; and an extensive suite of really comfortable and commodious Single and Double Bed Rooms.

The premises will be found replete with every convenience; and the Proprietor confidently asserts that the Carrick Range Hotel affords to every class of visitors accommodation unsurpassed by any up-country hotel in Otago.

The situation is extremely picturesque, commanding a magnificent view of Mount Pisa, the Grandview Mountains, and the Upper Clutha Valley.

Table d'Hôte Daily from 12 till 2.

The culinary arrangements are under competent management, and it is the determination of the Proprietor to maintain this department in the highest state of efficiency.

First-class Six-stalled Stable in course of erection.

Saddle Horses for Hire on Moderate Terms.

CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,

SMITH'S CREEK.

(The only hotel in the vicinity of the Reefs.)

JOHN M'CORMICK.

Proprietor.

Bannockburn

B A N N O C K B U R N T I M B E R Y A R D

AND CARPENTER'S SHOP.

JAMES TAYLOR,

CROMWELL TIMBER AND IRON YARD,
Begs to inform the Residents of BANNOCKBURN, NEVIS, POTTERS, &c., that in order to meet the increasing requirements of those districts, he has opened a Branch Establishment at Doctor's Flat, opposite Mr Richards' Store.

A good supply of TIMBER and IRON for Building and Mining purposes always on hand.

Best Material and Workmanship Cheap for Cash.

Clyde

M E D I C A L H A L L, C L Y D E

M. MARSHALL,

CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST,
SUNDERLAND-ST., CLYDE.

Prescriptions carefully prepared.

BOOKSELLER, STATIONER, AND NEWS VENDER.

Importer of English, Foreign, and Colonial Newspapers and Magazines.

Libraries and Magazine Clubs supplied at a small advance upon English prices.

To the Inhabitants of the Cromwell District.

R. BARLOW,

P R A C T I C A L W A T C H M A K E R,
AND
M A N U F A C T U R I N G J E W E L L E R,

CLYDE,

Has now on hand a choice and varied assortment of Gold and Silver WATCHES; English, French, and American CLOCKS; also, a very choice selection of English & Colonial JEWELERY, consisting of

Gold Scarf Pins | Brooches
Lockets | Ear-rings
Chains | Guards
Wedding, Signet, Gem, and Keeper Rings, Seals, Keys, and Chains in endless variety, of the newest designs.

ALSO,

Lately arrived, a very suitable and elegant assortment of FANCY GOODS, too numerous to particularize, very suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS and NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

Watches & Clocks carefully Cleaned & Repaired.

Alexandra

A. JACK'S

C R I T E R I O N F A M I L Y & C O M M E R C I A L

H O T E L,

FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD TABLE.

Livery and Bait Stables. - Loose Boxes, Coach house, &c.

A L E X A N D R A.

M A N U H E R I K I A B R E W E R Y,
ALEXANDRA

THEYERS & BECK beg to announce that they are prepared to supply their SPARKLING XXXX ALES in any quantity.

Delivered free of cartage within twenty miles.

Orders left with

Mr THEYERS, Alexandra;

Mr C. P. BECK, Clyde;

Or at the BREWERY, will be promptly attended to.

THEYERS AND BECK,

BREWERS,

ALEXANDRA.

MR A. D. WILSON,

D I S T R I C T S U R V E Y O R & M I N I N G

E N G I N E E R,

CLYDE.

TRY

M A R S H ' S A D E L A I D E W I N E
IF YOU WANT A TREAT.

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THURSDAY EVENING,



CROMWELL POPULAR

ENTERTAINMENTS.

In aid of the CROMWELL ATHENAEUM FUND.

THE FOURTH GRAND POPULAR ENTERTAINMENT, in aid of the Cromwell Atheneum Building Fund, will be given in KIDD'S CONCERT HALL, on Thursday Evening, 19th October, commencing at eight o'clock.

VINCENT PYKE, ESQ., R.M., WILL DELIVER A LECTURE,
Entitled "Half-an-Hour with Brother Jonathan."

The Second Part will consist of Vocal and Instrumental Music, Readings, and Recitations.

Particulars will appear in next issue.

TICKETS:—Front Seats, 3/-; Back Seats, 2/-

After the Entertainment, a SELECT QUADRILLE PARTY will be held, under the management of the Committee. A full BAND will perform. Admission 2s; Ladies free.

M. FRAER, Hon. Sec.

IMPORTANT TO SLUICERS!

HAYWARD'S LONG GUM
BOOTS, 32s. 6d. per pair.W. TALBOYS,
LONDON HOUSE.

BANNOCKBURN.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the SHEPHERD'S CREEK HOTEL, on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6th, at 7 p.m., for the purpose of increasing the number of Committee, and re-considering the site for Schoolroom.

TENDERS ARE INVITED for a SUPPLY OF COALS, delivered at the Elizabeth Company's Machine, at per ton, for a period of TWELVE MONTHS.

Tenders to be sent in to the Secretary (Loudon House, Cromwell, where specifications may be seen), on or before the 16th October next.

JOHN TOWAN,
Secretary.

New Advertisements.

POPULAR ENTERTAINMENT.

A REHEARSAL for intending Performers at the next Popular Entertainment will take place in the SCHOOLROOM on THURSDAY evening, 5th October.

M. FRAER, Hon. Sec.

CORPORATION OF CROMWELL.

To Raceholders.

WANTED, A HEAD OF WATER.

Tenders are invited for the sale to the Town Council of Cromwell of a SLUICE-HEAD, or a PORTION of a HEAD, of WATER, to be delivered at the site of the proposed Town Reservoir, near Mr Connellan's house, West End of Cromwell.

Tenders, stating the quantity of water to be sold, and marked "Tender for Water Supply," to be sent in to the undersigned on or before Monday, the 16th instant, at 7 p.m.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

WILLIAM FENWICK,
Acting Town Clerk.Council Chamber,
Cromwell, 2nd October.

M. U. I. O. O. F.

THE ANNIVERSARY

BALL AND SUPPER of the above Lodge will take place at KIDD'S CONCERT HALL, on

FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 3.

TICKETS (to admit Lady and Gentleman) - £1 1s

CARRICK RANGE HOTEL,
QUARTZVILLE.

FREE BALL AND SUPPER, to take place at the above Hotel, ON WEDNESDAY, 18th OCTOBER.

Everybody invited to attend.

Dancing to commence at Eight o'clock.

A first-class BAND in attendance.

who will ever be held in high estimation by the miners of the Colony in recognition of his liberal (?) views, "bitterly attacking miners generally," and, as the correspondent of our leading provincial journal puts it, "evidently of opinion that they ought to be taxed more heavily, instead of being relieved from any of their present burdens." This narrow-minded individual—this chosen luminary of the electors of Bruce—and others of a like calibre, by their utterances in the Assembly bring our representatives as a body into disrepute, and hence the very light estimation in which Otago members, as a rule, are held. It seems utterly impossible to get our representatives to unite and work hand in hand on any one single question. The want of unanimity invariably displayed by them has become quite a by-word in the House; and the consequence is that every important question affecting Otago that comes on for discussion is left to the tender mercies of honourables who probably know little (and care less) about it, and who are utterly unable to judge of its particular phases from the conflicting and diametrically opposite statements of the members whose duty it is to endeavour to direct the deliberations of the House so that a proper result may be arrived at. The miners of this Province certainly owe Messrs MCCRAY and REYNOLDS a grudge for their narrow-minded opposition to an important industry, and they richly deserve a warm reception on their return from the Assembly.

At about half past two on Wednesday morning, last, the Golden Age Hotel very narrowly escaped being burned to the ground. It appears that Miss Kelly, in turning down the wick of a lamp which hung in the bar, for the purpose of putting the light out, turned it into the bowl; and the consequence was that the gas on the top of the oil caught fire, the lamp exploded, and the blazing kerosene was scattered over the bar and all over the floor. Luckily there was a good supply of water in the town at the time, and a number of willing hands soon extinguished the fire with water brought in buckets from Mr Taylor's hose, and fortunately before the building sustained any damage. Miss Kelly herself had a very narrow escape, for she was completely enveloped in flames when the explosion took place, but with the exception of a rather severe burn on the arm, she was not injured.

Francis M. Clusky, settler, Devonshire Gully, died on Saturday evening in the District Court at Clyde on the 22nd September.

Mr W. W. Wilson is solicitor for the insolvent.

Miss Currie, one of the teachers of West Taieri School, disappeared in a mysterious manner from the house of Mr Snow, Outram, on the night of Sunday week. Her footprints were traced to the edge of the river, and she has not since been heard of.

The Committee of the Dunstan Hospital have resolved to dispense with the services of Dr Burrows as Resident Surgeon, and have given that gentleman notice that his engagement will terminate at the expiration of three months from a date specified.

The Legislative Council, on the 28th, appointed a select Committee to enquire into the sale, by the Otago Government, of 50,000 acres of land at Moa Flat to Mr W. J. T. Clarke.

Mr Gisborne's reply to the question put by Mr Shepherd—“Whether the Government will take steps to provide for the better administration of justice in the Province of Otago, by causing the erection of a court-house and gaol, and a periodical sitting of the Supreme Court in the Dunstan district?”—was, that a Supreme Court sitting could not be held in the Dunstan district until some provision had been made for a court-house and gaol. The Provincial Government had not been in a position to provide that accommodation, and it was not the intention of the Government to put on the Estimates this session any sum for the erection of a gaol in the Dunstan. Whether they would be able to do so in any future session was, of course, a question he could not at present speak definitely upon.

The Hon. Captain Fraser stated in the Legislative Council, in the course of a debate on the question of establishing a general lunatic asylum for the Colony, that there were ninety-three incurable lunatics in the asylum at Dunedin.

Mr Brian Hebden, of Bendigo, was the winner of the Nevis nugget, which was drawn for by art-union at Clyde recently. The value of the nugget was £67, and the surplus received from sale of tickets over that amount went to the funds of the Dunstan Hospital. Mr Hebden was not aware of the “slice of luck” that had fallen to his share until some time after the drawing took place.

The General Assembly has passed a resolution affirming the expediency of adopting the decisions of majorities of juries in civil cases.

Mr B. R. Baird, Receiver of Gold-fields Revenue at Cromwell, paid an official visit to the Nevis yesterday.

The Vaccination Bill recently introduced in the General Assembly contains a proviso that unvaccinated children shall not be admitted into public schools. The House of Representatives divided on the question with the following result:—
Ayes 102, Noes 12,棄權 12.

At about half past two on Wednesday morning, last, the Golden Age Hotel very narrowly escaped being burned to the ground. It appears that Miss Kelly, in turning down the wick of a lamp which hung in the bar, for the purpose of putting the light out, turned it into the bowl; and the consequence was that the gas on the top of the oil caught fire, the lamp exploded, and the blazing kerosene was scattered over the bar and all over the floor. Luckily there was a good supply of water in the town at the time, and a number of willing hands soon extinguished the fire with water brought in buckets from Mr Taylor's hose, and fortunately before the building sustained any damage. Miss Kelly herself had a very narrow escape, for she was completely enveloped in flames when the explosion took place, but with the exception of a rather severe burn on the arm, she was not injured.

Francis M. Clusky, settler, Devonshire Gully, died on Saturday evening in the District Court at Clyde on the 22nd September.

Mr W. W. Wilson is solicitor for the insolvent.

Miss Currie, one of the teachers of West Taieri School, disappeared in a mysterious manner from the house of Mr Snow, Outram, on the night of Sunday week. Her footprints were traced to the edge of the river, and she has not since been heard of.

The Committee of the Dunstan Hospital have resolved to dispense with the services of Dr Burrows as Resident Surgeon, and have given that gentleman notice that his engagement will terminate at the expiration of three months from a date specified.

The Legislative Council, on the 28th, appointed a select Committee to enquire into the sale, by the Otago Government, of 50,000 acres of land at Moa Flat to Mr W. J. T. Clarke.

Mr Gisborne's reply to the question put by Mr Shepherd—“Whether the Government will take steps to provide for the better administration of justice in the Province of Otago, by causing the erection of a court-house and gaol, and a periodical sitting of the Supreme Court in the Dunstan district?”—was, that a Supreme Court sitting could not be held in the Dunstan district until some provision had been made for a court-house and gaol. The Provincial Government had not been in a position to provide that accommodation, and it was not the intention of the Government to put on the Estimates this session any sum for the erection of a gaol in the Dunstan. Whether they would be able to do so in any future session was, of course, a question he could not at present speak definitely upon.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Council was held in the Town-hall last night.

There were present: The Mayor (Mr Taylor), and Crs Dawkins, Brown, and Fraer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following outward correspondence was read and approved of:—Letters to Mr B. Hallenstein, Mayor of Queenstown, and to Mr C. A. de Lautour, Secretary of the Mount Ida Trade Association, acknowledging receipt of letters in reference to mail services; letters to Mr Bews in reference to the Nevis road; to the Government, in reference to the extension of the main road along the surveyed line at the west end of Cromwell; to the Government, requesting that the telegraph be transferred to the Council; to the Chief Postmaster, requesting him to cause the weekly mail contract to the Nevis and Bannockburn to be accepted; and to Mr John Hurley, in reference to his contract.

The inward correspondence consisted of letters from Mr C. A. de Lautour, enclosing a memorial of the Mount Ida Trade Association had forwarded to the Government, in reference to the Houndsburn Hill road; a letter

from the Provincial Secretary, stating that the formation of the Quartz Reef Point track would receive the consideration of the Government; and from Mr W. Talboys, asking for permission to erect a verandah in front of his premises.

The letters from Mr de Lautour and the Provincial Secretary were received; and permission was granted to Mr Talboys to erect a verandah, as directed in clause 6 of bye-law No. 12.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Cr Fraer said that he had gone over the books to see with the Auditors, and he would read report:

"Cromwell, 2nd October, 1871.

"To the Mayor and Councillors.

"Gentlemen.—We now hand you our report of our last examination of the Municipal accounts from last audit to 30th June, 1871, which still remain un-audited, owing to the non-production of several accounts, the particulars of which are as follow:—(1869) July 28.—Town Clerk, for sundries, £5; April 23.—Connellan (water) £35; May 5.—Neil (contractor), £5; August 30.—Town Clerk (for sunries), £3; (1870) January 22.—Fraer, £3 18s; February 12.—Mills, Dick, and Co., £1 5s; June 13.—Town Clerk (salary, &c.), £34 17s; July 2.—S. Brooks, £1 10s; July 14.—Hurley, £20; July 1.—Town Clerk, £24 15s; July 23.—S. Brooks, £2 5s.—Note: See minute 12th July, accounts amounting to £46 11s paid for payment. Receipt for £24 15s since obtained.

"With regard to the item, salary, &c., £34 17s, we find that £17 10s, for salary, was authorised by the Council (see minute 21st May, 1869; and for portion of balance, see letter-book, June 24, 1869). The items £5 and £3, Town Clerk for sundries, (voted, we presume, for petty cash,) we can obtain no information from Mr Jenour, late Town Clerk, as to how expended, therefore we include them in his deficiency, to which we will now draw your attention.

"In last audit, £4 8s was charged to petty cash, and two months after we find this amount is again charged, being included in an account paid to Mr Jenour for salary, &c. (£22 5s).

"There is also a deficiency in accounting for rates. The amount collected, as per rate-book, is £363 10s 3d, while the amount accounted for is £360 4s 1d, leaving a deficiency of £3 6s 2d; and on checking the commission paid on rates, we find he has been paid commission on £20 6s 6d (at 10 per cent: £2 0s 6d) rates collected by Mr Fenwick, the latter having received a like sum."

"Mr Jenour is found indebted to the Corporation as follows:—

1869.—July 25: Account for petty cash	£ s d
as previously paid	4 8 0
July 28: T. G., for sundries	5 0 0
August 30: do	3 0 0
Rates not accounted for	3 6 2
Commission over-paid	2 0 6
Total	£17 14 8

"During Mr Fenwick's term of office, two amounts have been paid for which no receipts have been produced, viz., Jenour's judgment, £10 19s, and Mills, Dick, and Co., £1 1s.

"With regard to the unauthorised accounts, if the present Council are satisfied as to their correctness, and will record a minute to that effect, particularising them as in this report, we will then be prepared to complete our audit to last June.

"We cannot conclude our report without commenting on the unbusinesslike manner in which the books have been kept, and would suggest to the Council that for the future all Corporation moneys collected for rates, rents, or otherwise, should be paid into the banking account, and that no payments be made except by cheque; and that, if it is the intention of the Council only to keep a cash-book, they should see that particulars of moneys received and expended should be made more explicit. We would also recommend that a book be kept, showing what Municipal properties are leased, with full particulars as to when leased, for what amount, &c.

"Awaiting further instructions, we are, &c.,

"JOHN A. PRESHAW

"ISAAC WRIGHT

Cr Fraer proposed, "That the following unauthorised accounts (see Auditor's report) be recognised by the present Council as correct:—Connellan, for water, £35; Neil, contractor, £5; Fraer, £3 18s; Mills, Dick, and Co., £1 5s; Town Clerk, salary, &c., £34 17s; Brooks, £1 10s; Hurley, £20; Town Clerk, £24 15s; Brooks, £2 5s; Jenour's judgment, £10 19s; Mills, Dick, and Co., £1 1s." Seconded by Cr Dawkins, and carried.

Cr Fraer proposed, "That the Town Clerk be instructed to write to the Secretary of Public Works, and request that the District Engineer be allowed to survey the reserve about to be applied for by the Council as a recreation ground." Seconded by Cr Shanly, and carried.

"4. Four-inch cast iron pipes could be had for £3 per foot at the present rate of carriage.

"5. Instead of trying to purchase water by private bargain, we would recommend that tenders be called for the absolute purchase of one head of water, to be delivered at the site of the proposed reservoir.

"6. Our approximate estimate of the cost of procuring for the town a permanent supply of water as above is £1,330.

"As the race from Mr Graat's premises to the upper terrace runs through private property, and as parties are building over it, something must be done with it immediately.

"JAMES TAYLOR, Mayor

"JAMES DAWKINS, Cr.

"WILLIAM SHANLY, Cr.

THE CARRICK RANGE QUARTZ REEFS.

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The crushing of sixty-five tons of stone from the Heart of Oak claim was completed at the Royal Standard Battery on Saturday, the result being 240 ounces of retorted gold, or an average of very nearly four ounces per ton.

A quantity of stone from the Star of the East will next be subjected to the action of the stampers; and, judging from the appearance of the stuff as it lay in the paddock at the mouth of the shaft, it seems quite likely the result of the crushing from this claim will be equal to that above recorded from the adjoining one—the Heart of Oak.

It will be observed that applications have been made to register the Star of the East and Heart of Oak Companies under the Limited Liability Act. Mr James Marshall, a principal shareholder in the first-named company, has been appointed legal manager for both.

The crushing-machinery for the Elizabeth Company was despatched from Dunedin eight days ago, and its arrival may therefore be hourly expected. A contract for driving fifty additional feet of the tunnel has been entered into. Fresh air will be supplied to the workmen by means of a tube attached to a fan, the latter to be worked, in the meantime, by hand-power.

The Duke of Cumberland Company (adjoining the Heart of Oak) have put down a shaft to the depth of fifty feet, but, so far as we are aware, have not yet succeeded in striking the reef; indeed, they could hardly expect to do so, unless the Heart of Oak reef followed the contour of the surface-ground, for the Duke of Cumberland shaft must be at least forty or fifty feet above the top of the Heart of Oak shaft.

A small race (supplied from the right-hand branch of Smith's Gully) belonging to Hancock and party, who have been for many months shafting in the gully between the Elizabeth and Star of the East tunnels, is carried across the Duke of Cumberland and Heart of Oak claims by means of fluming.

The average quantity of water flowing in this race probably averages less than a slice-head

throughout the year; but the opening-up of the reefs in the immediate vicinity has had the effect of enhancing the value of the water very considerably, and this tiny rivulet is now worth £6 or £7 a week to its owners.

There are several other quartz claims situated in the same neighbourhood; amongst

which are the Rob Roy, adjoining the Duke of Cumberland; the Matchless and the

Excelsior, on the same line of reef; the Black

Horse, adjoining the Star of the East; and

the Colleen Bawn, further up the range.

Neither of the claims mentioned, however,

have yet been sufficiently developed to enable

men to report anything definite regarding them.

The ridge on which the Heart of Oak, Star

of the East, Duke of Cumberland, and other

claims are situated, would, if followed down,

lead to the Border Chief claim, which can

also be reached by crossing the deep ravine

(left-hand branch of Smith's) at a point about

a mile from the Royal Standard battery, and

following the track leading from the bottom

of the ravine to the claim on the summit of a

lofty peak. The Border Chief is so difficult

of access from any direction that only those

immediately interested in the claim can be

expected to undertake the toilsome journey.

The prospecting claim granted some months

ago to Aitkenson and party on a spur between

Pipeclay Gully and the right-hand branch of

Smith's, is still being worked, but with what

results we have not heard.

An encroachment dispute between Thomas

Bane and party (Nil Desperandum claim)

and George Faavel and party (Excelsior claim)

came before the Judge of the Warden's Court

at Cromwell on Thursday last. The evidence

showed that neither party had strictly com-

plied with the Regulations as regarded mark-

ing off their claims; and this circumstance

caused the Judge to express his surprise that

those having valuable claims at stake should

by their own negligence imperil their right of

tenure through non-compliance with the law.

Mr Pyke decided in favour of the plaintiffs

on the ground of prior possession. For the in-

formation of miners generally, we may here

mention that corner pegs should be at least

thirty inches high, and four inches thick,

with trenches five feet long and six inches deep.

If stones are used for marking boundaries, they

must be built in cairns to the

height of at least two feet and a

half, and have trenches cut as before described.

Pegs or cairns should also be placed at 100 feet distances along the

centre of the claim.

WASTE LAND BOARD.

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A meeting of this Board was held in Dunedin last Wednesday. There were present

the Chief Commissioner, Mr J. T. Thomson

(in the chair), and Messrs Cotton and

Hughes.

Mr John M' Ardell applied to know whether

the purchase-money would be accepted for

ground that had been held under Agricultural Lease which the holder had inadvertently omitted to make application to pur-

chase before the lease had expired? The

answer was that the Board had no power

under such circumstances to sell land accord-

ing to the terms of the lease.

Mr Rodger Matheson applied to purchase

section 52, block IV., Shotover, which had

been held by him under Agricultural Lease,

stating that he had been unable to obtain

blank forms of application for purchase be-

fore the expiry of the lease. It was resolved

that before any further action be taken in the matter, it be ascertained whether the applicant had applied in any way for the purchase of the land in the proper time.

An application from Mr John Laxton, for a license to quarry stone on land adjoining Butel's water race, Surrey-street, Arrowtown, was referred to the Warden.

Mr Charles Colclough requested that the ground included in his garden at Bendigo be not surveyed into town sections. The Board declined, at least in so far as this matter was concerned, to interfere with the progress of the survey.

A report from Warden Borton on the proposed survey of additional sections at Roxburgh was read. It was resolved that the parties occupying the ground, and who applied to purchase, should make the survey at their own expense, the cost of survey to be added to the upset price, and repaid to the present occupiers in the event of them not being the purchasers.

Mr G. F. Reid applied to purchase an acre of land in St. Bathans, occupied by and around the Roman Catholic Church, for that congregation. The application was referred to the Warden, pending further action.

The application of Messrs Gillies and Street, who applied on behalf of Messrs Boyes Bros., for two pre-emptive rights on run 345, under original claim, was granted.

—Daily Times.

WARDEN'S COURT, CROMWELL.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

(Before Vincent Pyke, Esq., Judge and Warden.)

APPLICATIONS.

Extended Claims of one acre per man were granted to the unmentioned applicants:—Arch. Ritchie, Bailey's Gully; John Bailey, Bailey's Gully; Edward Chilton and three others, Pipeclay Gully.

Residence Acts.—The following were granted:—Joel Boulton, Thomas Horne, and James Gibson, quarter-acre each, at Carriktown; John Towne, Geo. Reilhead, and Wm. Talboys, quarter-acre each, adjoining Elizabeth Company's machine site.

ENCROACHMENT.

Thomas Bane and others v. George Faavel and others.—The defendants were charged with encroaching on a quartz claim which had been granted to the plaintiffs. Mr Wilson was counsel for the plaintiffs. Mr Brough, for the defendants, pleaded not guilty.

A. D. Wilson, district surveyor, was called to prove the survey of the claims, and to certify to the correctness of a plan of the ground (in possession of the Court). The pegs shown him by Bane and party were more than a foot high, but he saw no trenches. To the best of his belief, the pegs were between two and three feet above the surface, but he did not notice them particularly. Surveyed the ground on the 29th ult.

Thomas Bane pegged out his claim on the 28th August. One of the centre pegs was in a race; one corner was on a rock, and another on a heap of tailings. On the 4th September, the defendant asked him to point out his pegs. Defendants' ground was pegged out on the Saturday previous, and two of the pegs encroached on the plaintiffs' ground. No alteration was made in plaintiffs' pegs until Mr Wilson surveyed the ground, when wooden pegs were substituted for the stone cairns first put up. In cross-examination by Mr Brough, the witness said he could not swear the corner trenches cut by him were of the prescribed dimensions.

Win. Smiley, one of the plaintiffs, assisted in marking off their claim. No trenches were cut at the lower end, because it was impracticable to do so. The creek served as a trench at one corner, and there was a large rock at the other.

Thomas Scott, a shareholder in the Heart of Oak claim, had challenged Bane about planting his pegs in the Heart of Oak ground, but afterwards found that he was in error. Saw trenches on plaintiffs' claim, but did not measure them.

Mr Brough submitted there was no proof that Bane and party had marked off their claim in accordance with the Regulations; consequently they were not in lawful occupation of the ground. The plaintiffs themselves had almost admitted that.

Mr Wilson maintained that the two plaintiffs had proved that the spirit and letter of the law had been complied with by the erection of cairns and the cutting of trenches where practicable.

The Judge ruled that the evidence of the two plaintiffs was sufficient to justify him in going on with the case. It was incumbent upon the defendants to prove that the claim was not marked off in such a manner as to enable others to go and take possession of it.

Geo. Faavel, one of the defendants, said he marked off his claim on the 2nd September. He would not swear that either his pegs, cairns, or trenches were in accordance with the Regulations.

John Jackson was in company with Faavel and Macnab at the time the Excelsior claim was marked off, and assisted in putting up cairns and cutting trenches. This was done in accordance with the Regulations. By shifting about four feet farther down the hill, the plaintiffs could have cut a trench beside the rock referred to in their evidence.

The Judge said it was quite clear that neither of the parties had strictly complied with the Regulations in marking out their respective claims. On the ground of prior possession, therefore, he would give judgment for the plaintiffs; each party to pay their own expenses, and the cost of survey (amounting to £7 7s.) to be divided.

The new Government in Fiji have officially altered the title of Cakoban (Thakombon) to Ebencor, which is the name by which that potowato was baptised. The large building in Lovuka formerly occupied as an hotel by the late Mr Turner, has been purchased for a Government House, and fitted up for the use of the king and his attendants.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

PER CREVILLE'S TELEGRAPH COMPANY, REUTER'S AGENTS.

DUNEDIN, Tuesday, 10.45 a.m.

Mr Smythies has been further heard at the bar of the House. Mr Travers addressed the House in opposition, and suggested the appointment of a select committee.

The second reading of the Otago Waste Land Bill was carried by 29 to 24. It is generally thought that the Bill will not pass.

The Goldfields Bill has been read a second time. Several members urged the excision of all clauses relating to Waste Lands.

Mr W. H. Shepard, proprietor of the Waniganu Coach, has been killed by a coach accident. He was at one time very well known as driver of Cobbs Coach to the Dunstan, and later he was proprietor of the White Horse Hotel, in Dunedin.

The barque Zephyr, after having been 24 days off the bar, grounded whilst being towed into Hokitika harbour. She has since been got off.

Reichold's second jury were locked up for three hours, and then brought in a verdict of acquittal.

In the case of Houghton and another v. Tall, the master of the s.s. Taitaroa (which was wrecked a short time ago at Port Molyneux), some very extraordinary disclosures were made.

The Guiding Star has arrived, with 199 Chinamen, who have been placed in quarantine. There were twenty-seven deaths on the voyage from scrofula and dysentery, and at present there are twenty cases of sickness.

A Chinaman attempted to commit suicide at Tuaapeka the other day. He told those who were working with him that he had seen the ghosts of two of his acquaintances, who had died recently, and that they informed him he was wanted in the Flower Land immediately. He enquired of them the best road thither, and was advised to jump down a hole. This advice he followed by throwing himself in a hole about 40 feet deep. He was rescued, however, and conveyed to the Hospital, and thus his attempted journey is interrupted in the meantime.

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MONDAY, 9th OCTOBER.

THE MAGNIFICENT DRAUGHT STALLION,
"EARL OF CARRICK."

For positive sale.

W. J. BARRY has been favoured with instructions from the Owner, Mr JOHN GRANT, of Oamaru, to submit to public competition, at Cromwell, on or about the above date, the Draught Entire Horse,

"EARL OF CARRICK,"

imported from Victoria.

The "Earl of Carrick" is a beautiful black horse, rising six years old, and stands 17 hands high. He was bred at Mansfield, by J. Steele, Esq., and was got by the famous horse "Black-leg," who took thirty-one first prizes, and was never beaten in Victoria. "Earl of Carrick's" dam was imported from Scotland.

Fuller particulars will be published before the date of Sale.

NOTICE.

MR W. J. BARRY will offer for sale on the premises, on SATURDAY, 7th OCTOBER,

at Two p.m.,

Those well-known old-established premises, the

SHEPHERD'S CREEK HOTEL AND STORE,

Situate within a short distance of the Carrick Range Reefs; together with the entire STOCK-IN-TRADE, which comprises a large assortment of saleable goods of prime quality.

Also,

Horses, Cattle, Pigs, Spring-carts, Pack-saddles, and a variety of lots too numerous to mention.

An excellent Slaughter-yard is attached to the premises.

The Hotel contains Bar, Bar Parlour, Public Room, Billiard-room, and a large number of comfortable Bedrooms.

The Buildings are quite new, having been erected within the last twelve months.

Terms at Sale.

By order of the Trustees,
JAMES COWAN, and
WILLIAM SHANLY.

CROMWELL JOCKEY CLUB.

THE ANNUAL RACE MEETING

will be held on

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,

23rd and 24th DECEMBER, 1871.

By order,
W. MACNAB, Secretary.

WATERSS PATENT MANGLE

MRS REID (next door to Heron's White Hart Hotel) is prepared to mangle Bed and Table linen for Families in Best Style, at moderate prices.

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THE THOROUGHBRED ENTIRE HORSE,

ELSWICK,

will stand this season at Cromwell, provided sufficient encouragement be given.

Pedigree, &c., will be given in future advertisement.

TERMS, £4 4s; payable in advance.

WILLIAM SUTHERLAND & CO.,
(Late of Logantown),

GENERAL BLACKSMITHS & FARRIERS, Beg to intimate to Mining Companies and the public generally that they have removed to CARRICKTOWN, next to McCormick's Carrick Range Hotel, where they hope, by strict attention to business, and reasonable charges, to merit a share of their patronage.

ARTHUR NORMAN.—Your brother A is anxious to hear from you. Address W. NORMAN, Engineer, Macintosh Saw Mills, Echuca, Victoria.—Any information as to the whereabouts of ARTHUR NORMAN will be thankfully received by his brother, at the above address.

BENDIGO.
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(From our own Correspondent.)

September 27.

I remember reading some time ago, an account of the total disappearance of an island somewhere in the South Seas, with its entire population, and will shortly have to chronicle a similar occurrence. The umquahle flourishing village known as Logantown is rapidly taking flight, the inhabitants, like the denizens of saidom, in migrating, carrying their habitations with them. The only features likely to interest future visitors will be the architectural remains of sod chimneys, and mounds of broken "marines," marking the sites where the potent whisky mill has done its dire and debasing mission. Well, the position of the place, as regards permanence, was a mistake from the first, and the only wonder is that it had not been discovered earlier. The cry of the emigrants is Westward Ho! with the Carrick for their goal: I hope they may not be disappointed in their anticipations of better times in that quarter.

I have been unable to pay a visit to the Rise and Shine reef, but I learn that the Company are still prospecting, and the stone improves as they get deeper. I shall take a "tower," as the Cockneys have it, in that locality, and report fully in my next.—It is rumoured that the ex-Mayor of Cromwell, Mr Smitham, is negotiating for the erection of a crushing-mill on the Thompson's Creek reef. Should he succeed, I do not think he will have any reason to regret the speculation.—The Alta Company have had a washing-up, and I believe the yield was not quite up to expectations; but when was this the case? "One swallow does not make a summer;" neither should one poor crushing condemn a reef. The Company evidently are of this opinion, and are pushing on vigorously, crushing night and day; and as the stone is of somewhat better quality, I trust their hearts may be gladdened shortly by the sight of a "cake" of the Leviathan order.—The Colclough Company have taken "heart of grace"; they have engaged a number of hands again, and intend prosecuting work with a will. A late crushing of 19 tons from a certain part of the reef gave a return of over 21dwt to the ton, and with such a prospect it would be madness to knock under.—May their plucky perseverance be rewarded. A washing-up last week from the Golden Link gave 360ozs for 200 tons of stone operated upon. I scarcely think the much-vaunted Carrick will beat this, and I am informed that this yield is rather under the average. Excellent stone has been struck in the Cromwell Company's lease, at a very low level. It is superior to any raised during the past year—evidently showing that depth has a different meaning than exhaustion of reef. I may remark that such has always been my opinion with regard to the lodes of Bendigo; and recent discoveries go far to prove its correctness. Reefs on the Victorian Bendigo which were supposed to have given out fourteen years ago, and in some cases deserted at depths varying from 150 to 250 feet, are now paying handsomely at 500 to 800 feet. I see per share lists that the quartz companies on Bendigo now pay upwards of £20,000 weekly in dividends, and this after nineteen years' steady and continuous drain on the resources of the field. Who will say in the face of this fact that there is no permanence in gold-mining?

The Aurora tributaries have completed their flume across Bendigo Gully; it is a very substantial erection, and reflects great credit on the workmen. They will shortly make a start sluicing on the Lindis terraces, and a trial will be afforded to those resources which people say your correspondent is very fond of trumpeting. Other parties of sluicers are at work in different localities, and as far as can be judged from appearances, are satisfied with their prospects.

The Deep Lead still "drags its slow length along." Halcrow and party are constructing a tramway to convey their washdirt to the water in Bendigo Gully: their prospects still continue first-rate. Anderson and Co., in the next claim, resume operations this week. Should they bottom on good gold, I anticipate a rush, at least as far as the deadly-lively nature of the place will permit.

John Chinaman is gathering on our outskirts. I hear there are about 200 in Thompson's Gorge on the opposite side of the Dunstan Range. Locust-like, I suppose they will swarm here after devouring all before them in that locality.

I hear of no steps being yet taken to form a Miners' Association in the Cromwell district. Really the mining community deserve all the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" which may be visited on them by our wise and paternal Government for their sinfulness in this matter.

A Spring Meeting in a very humble way is

to come off on Saturday next at Wakefield. Two or three events in the "horsey" line are on the card. I do not think the stakes are of sufficient value to induce owners of horses in the neighbouring Provinces to contend. As nearly every "Little Paddington" in Otago has its "Grand Annual," who knows but this may be the germ of a similar institution for the reefing district of Bendigo at a future date?

QUEENSTOWN.

(From our own Correspondent.)

September 29.

The depression in business of all descriptions, mentioned in my last letter, still continues; but we hope, as the summer advances, things will look up.

The Building Society has made considerable progress, no less than 260 shares having been taken up. One house has already been erected on the strength of it, and we may look for more to follow shortly.

The new Church at Arrowtown is finished, and will be opened on Sunday next by the Rev. Richard Coffey. I understand the service is to be as nearly choral as the musical abilities of those concerned will permit. I hear a favourite lady amateur has kindly consented to take part.

His Honor Mr Wilson Gray has just left, after disposing of a lively batch of bankrupts. As the people down country scarcely believe in the dull state of affairs here, I may give as an instance that in the estate of one of the bankrupts the assets were 50s against liabilities to the amount of £370!

The weather has, for the past three weeks, been lovely, with the exception of one or two chilly days. The effect of this welcome change will probably be noticeable in the increased amount of the next escort.

To-night the Wakatip Amateur Dramatic Club give a performance at the theatre, for the benefit of the Hospital. I hope I may be able to report the result a success, both pecuniarily and from an artistic point of view. That the house will be a crowded one, for such an object, I fully expect, but from the cast of the characters I have grave doubts of the pieces being rendered in the manner they deserve.

The hands of our Municipal Council are at present tied for want of funds, none of the subsidy due from the Provincial Government having been received. The formation of new streets and many other works of importance must consequently be left over either until a rate is levied, or that Insolvent Institution, the Provincial Government see their way to "fork out" the £400 due by them.

ALEXANDRA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

September 28.

Iverson's Quartz-Mining Company, Conroy's Gully, cleared their battery and tables on Friday last, the result being a cake of amalgam weighing about 110ozs, from a little less than 100 tons of stuff, a great deal of which, I am informed, was of a mullocky nature. The battery commenced work again on Friday afternoon. The stone, of which a large quantity is being taken out of the tunnel, continues to look very promising. Good indications of the reef are being obtained by other companies along this line of reef.

The Alexandra Company, Butcher's Gully, have sent an order to Kincaid, M'Queen, and Co., Dunedin, for a cast-iron pump, 80 feet long, and 5 inches in diameter, with everything appertaining thereto complete. I believe it will be on the ground in about three weeks.

The Manuherikia Ground-Sluicing Company, after a long spell of bad luck, are beginning to get very fair prospects in their claim at Mutton Town Point.

The body of John Farley, who was drowned in the Molyneux on the 10th August last, was found on Friday. Mr Pyke, as coroner, held an inquest on the body on Saturday, when a verdict of "Found drowned" was returned.

There is a gentleman who throws dice with himself whenever he wants a drink, to decide whether or not he shall indulge. He has had a poor run of luck lately, and is unpleasantly affected by the consequent drought.

Holloway's Pills, the best remedy in the world for female complaints.—These pills are particularly recommended to the residents of New Zealand, for their extraordinary efficacy in female complaints; and they are alike valuable to the daughter verging into womanhood, or the mother at the turn of life. It has been proved beyond all contradiction, that these celebrated Pills will cure all disorders to which females are peculiarly subject, and enable them to pass their critical periods of life, without exposing themselves to those dangers they too often incur by other treatment.

A Child's Petition.

"Kiss me, mamma, before I sleep!" How simple a boon: yet how soothing to the little suppliant is that soft, gentle kiss! The little head sinks contentedly on the pillow, for all is peace and happiness within. The bright eyes close, the rosy lips part in a sweet smile,—for the little heart is revelling in the bright and sunny dreams of innocence. Yes, kiss it, mamma; for that good-night kiss will linger in its memory when the giver is moulder in the grave. The memory of a gentle mother's kiss has cheered many a lonely wanderer's pilgrimage, and has been the beacon light to illumine his desolate heart: for, remember, life has many a stormy billow to cross, many a rough path to climb, with thorns to pierce; and we know not what is in store for the little one so sweetly slumbering, with no marring care to disturb its peaceful slumbers. The parched and fevered lips will become dewy again as recollection bears to the sufferer's couch a mother's love,—a mother's kiss. Then kiss your little ones ere they sleep,—for there is a magic power in that kiss which will endure to the end of life; and they will be led to look up to a happier and more blessed country, and be brought to say with the poet,

No clouds those blissful regions know,
For ever bright and fair;
For sin, the source of mortal woe,
Can never enter there.

When after years of toil and privation, years of sin, perhaps, and folly, the man looks back in moments of solitude over his past rugged career to the days of childhood, when a mother's hand pressed his brow, a mother's fervent prayer for her boy went up to Heaven, and a mother's gentle kiss lingered on his lips, the stony heart is melted to tears, and he is led to say,

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed:
How sweet their memory still;
But they have left an aching void
The world can never fill.

The Result of an Elopement.

Some short time since a man was charged at the Melbourne Police Court with attempting to rob a Collingwood bank, and assaulting the manager. At his trial on the 18th August, at the Melbourne Criminal Sessions, the person, whose name was Charles Marshall, told the following strange story. He said that in 1853 he worked as a miner at Ballarat, and was married to a young and handsome wife. At that time a person named Alexander Jamieson was working in an adjacent claim. Marshall one day on returning to his home, found that his wife had fled, and he was told she had eloped with Jamieson. He visited Melbourne and Geelong in a vain search after her, and then he returned to Ballarat. When he got there one of Jamieson's mates had jumped his (Marshall's) claim. Several years elapsed, and a short time since, when in Smith-street, he saw Mr Jamieson go into the Commercial Bank there, and it struck him that, in that person, he saw the same man who was said to have taken his wife away. He made enquiries, and ascertained that he was Alexander Jamieson, the manager of the Bank. The prisoner avowed that he then believed, and does yet, that the bank-manager is the person who ran away with his wife. Still smarting under the sense of the injuries he had received, Marshall determined to assault Jamieson when he could find him alone. He was anxious to assault Mr Jamieson outside the Bank, but he failed to obtain an opportunity. He went into the Bank on two occasions. On the first one, he found that Mr Jamieson was not alone, but on hearing his voice, when he spoke to the ledger-keeper, he was firmly convinced that he was the same person who was at Ballarat in 1853; on the second, he committed the assault. He had no desire to seriously injure Mr Jamieson, and when he saw him turn pale, he ran away from the Bank in horror. The prisoner concluded by expressing regret that his natural violent temper had led him into the commission of the offence to which he had pleaded guilty, and he added that this was the first time that he had ever been a party in a court of justice. His Honor said the prisoner proceeded on unsupported suspicion. If he had acted in a spirit of manly resentment, on facts actually ascertained, and immediately on the discovery of the wrong, he might be regarded as an object for commiseration; but in no case did the law tolerate a man brooding over his wrongs, and then avenging them. The prisoner must be imprisoned for four months, and be bound over to keep the peace towards Mr Jamieson for twelve months, prisoner himself in a recognisance of £100 and two sureties of £50 each. In the event of his not obtaining sureties, prisoner to be imprisoned during the twelve months. It will be remembered that, on the 12th July, Marshall went into the Commercial Bank in the afternoon, and presented a cheque for payment. On Mr Jamieson telling him that the cheque could not be cashed there, he took a lump of lead from his pocket and threw it at him, striking him in the ribs and knocking him down. He was rushing round the counter in Mr Jamieson's direction with a handkerchief with another lump of lead in it, when a clerk employed at the bank, whom the prisoner had not seen, came to his manager's assistance. Prisoner then ran away, but was immediately captured.

Opium-Eating in London.

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[From *Good Words*.]

Her Majesty has given her name to a good many streets; but dirty, narrow, squalid Victoria-street, Bluegate Fields, is, we think, the one she would feel least proud of, if she could see it. Off this dismal Victoria-street there is a double row of miserable little two-floored houses, called Victoria-court, and two of these are houses of call for Chinamen and Lascar opium-smokers.

"Close up, gentlemen, don't lose sight of me," says our dragoman, as we sit in single file through a fog-choked little covered passage. Presently we reach Victoria-court, and stop outside Eliza's door. (Eliza is the original of the woman opium-smoker in *Edwin Drood*.) Our dragoman calls up the pitch-dark staircase, "You at home, Eliza?" Being answered in the affirmative, he leads the way up the narrow, corkscrew-like little staircase—or rather, we have to stumble up it the best way we can. In a dirty little room there is a dirty bedstead, outside the dirty clothes on which a black-moustached, swarthy Lascar, who passes for Eliza's husband, lies rolled up in a rug. He pretends to be asleep, but now and then gives a grunt of inquiry, and Eliza answers him in his own tongue. She is a sallow-faced, carelessly-dressed woman, reclining on the other end of the bed, with her opium-pipe, lamp, &c., ready to her hand.

Some wet clothes are hung up to dry before the little fire. She is asked whether she is getting ready to go to church or chapel next day. "Ah, no," she answers in a canting whine, "that's what I can't do, but it's where I should like to go if I was prepared." When asked how she came to take to opium-smoking, she says that she can speak Hindi and Hindustani, and used to be with those that spoke them, and one would say to her, "Have a whiff," and another would say to her, "Have a whiff," and she knew no better, and so she got into the habit, and now she cannot leave it off.

In intervals between her talk she scoops out prepared opium from a little gallipot, sticks it on the needle that crosses the broad shallow bowl of her ruler-like pipe, turns the bowl to the orifice in the glass cover of her lamp, humours the pill with the spatula end of another needle to get it to kindle, and then takes a long pull—sometimes sending back the smoke through her nostrils and ears.

"It's very healthy, gentlemen," she says, when we remark upon its not unpleasant odour. "When the cholera was about, nobody took it that lived in a house where they smoked opium."

There used to be half-a-dozen and more of these houses in the East-end, but the two in Bluegate Fields are the only ones now known to the police. The Strangers' Home officials exerted themselves a good deal to put the others down; but lodgers in the Strangers' Home are still, during the day, pretty frequent customers at the two houses in Victoria-street.

"Craving for drink, gentlemen!" Eliza presently exclaims; "wanting to have a smoke, and not to be able to get opium, is a hundred times worse than that. I used to drink about as free as any—didn't I, sir," appealing almost proudly, to our dragoman for corroboration of her statement. "But I've broke myself of that. But if you can't get a pipe when you want it, it's like as if you was having electric shocks one after another, or as if you were having a knife scraped along your bare bones." A drachm of opium is the largest amount which Eliza owns to having smoked in a day.

Across the court and up another dark little staircase into Johnson's dirty bedroom. Johnson is a Chinaman, but has an English "wife," who sits before the fire grumbling because they have to pay four shillings a week for a house that lets in the rain. There are a few dirty prints on the walls, and a little oblong chimney glass, with the backing almost worn off. On the dirty bed reclines Johnson, a corpse-complexioned, sapless-looking individual, whose face twitches as if he had the tic-doloreux until he succeeds in lighting his charge of opium. When asked why he smokes opium, he answers that he could not "go to sillon" (sleep) if he did not smoke it; and when an inquiry is made as to the number of pipes he could smoke in a day, he says five hundred dozen, if he could get them. A Chinese lodger in Chinese costume (a slender, taper-fingered, black-moustached, almost obsequiously-polite young fellow, who is sitting at a table reading a Chinese history of the Tae-ping rebellion) bares his white, gleaming teeth in a broad smile when he hears his landlord give this hyperbolical estimate of his powers. The two Chinamen cannot talk to each other in Chinese, as they come from different provinces. From what they say to each other and ourselves in "pigeon English," we gather that the lodger came over to England as a ship's cook, and is now staying to see a little of the country, supporting himself by selling penny packets of scent in the streets. At Johnson's hint, he brings out the box in which he keeps his stock, and soon disposes of sundry little white and pink parcels of some atrociously sickly-scented stuff. Johnson next shows us the modicum of opium, which he sells his customers for 6d, 8d, 1s 6d, and so on; and then taking a stickless gas candle, he shambles off the bed and down his narrow staircase, to light us out. As he stands at his doorway, and looks out into the fog, he holds the candle above his head. When the light falls on

his flabby-eyed, twitching, sickly-yellow face, it looks not unlike that of a galvanised corpse.

On another night, Johnson is in his ground-floor room, and he calls out cheerily, "Come in," as soon as he hears us at the door. He is rolling on a divan, made out of a greasy bed and mattress, placed on the floor and against the wall. He is in high good humour, almost constantly joking and laughing. Now he takes a pull at the opium pipe, and then he puts it into the mouth of a draway Lascar, who begins to smoke with his head on the legs of another Lascar who is lying as motionless as a log. Johnson images the lamp for his lazy customers, and meanwhile smokes a cheroot. A slight Chinese sailor, who has had his dose, stands up in the middle of the room chuckling at anything and nothing. A more powerful fellow, of a negro-like complexion and cut of countenance, but who says that he comes from Singapore, has also had his dose. He sits musing by the divan for a minute, and then gets up and seats himself before the fire, where he begins a song of the kind the tom-tom players sing. Johnson says, approvingly, "Nice—very good cantie," and then he and the two Lascars and the Chinaman burst out laughing, in that dingy little hole, as if care for them were banished from the world.

MISCELLANEA.

The present Maori members are admitted on all hands to be vastly superior to their predecessors in the late Parliament. Parata has a letter in the Wellington evening paper of the 9th inst., in which he says that the present Maori Representatives do not belong to the "clan M-Lean."

The result of the events in the three chief towns of England shows that Glasgow has once more regained its position of being, in point of population, the second city in the kingdom. Liverpool, with its suburbs, has a population of 483,000; Manchester, including the town of Salford, 533,000; Birmingham, 347,000. The population of Glasgow and its suburbs is 560,000.

The *New York Tribune*, discoursing on Chinese devotedness, says:—"We have always said that the Chinese in this country would easily adapt themselves to the situation, and would do well if they were not persecuted. The facts prove it. In Massachusetts, Chinese cordwainers go to the Methodist meeting with edifying regularity. In San Francisco, we are told that there is a Chinese Young Men's Christian Association, with forty members. What better immigrants can be desired than such as these—hard-working, sober, thrifty, manly, and moral and peace-keeping and willing to belong to a Christian Association? The selfish American mechanic, who howls indignantly about cheap Chinese labour, and the wrong which it does him, if he will keep steadily at work, and join a Christian Association, will find himself in a much more comfortable frame of mind."

The *Southern League* of a recent date, under the heading of "Squatting with a Vengeance," says:—"It was elicited in evidence in the case of Neilson v. Douglas that the whole permanent service-staff on the station of Mr Douglas, at Mount Royal, Pinereston,—a station occupying some thousands of acres,—consists of only three people! Let us say that this is a misnomer, and that three times three would be nearer the fact, then we have nine servants employed on about 14,000 acres. The question arises, How many of the poor down-trodden parents of England could be provided with farms and families on this estate? With such facts before our eyes, is it any wonder that our socialist friends should call it "property robbery?" The defendant in the case referred to was the defeated candidate for a seat in the Provincial Council for the Waikato district, when, by the votes of the Maories electors, John Mackenzie, solely on account of his liberal views, was placed in the position contested by Mr Douglas."

A case which has some points of resemblance to the Tichborne case, has lately been occupying the attention of the Edinburgh Court of Sessions. The question to be decided is the identity of the Earl of Aberdeen with a person named Osborne, who was drowned at sea in 1870. The late Earl landed in Boston in 1856, in company with Lord Gosford and a Mr Peterkin. At Boston he disappeared; but it seems now almost certain that he embarked in 1857 as a passenger in a vessel bound for Texas, under the assumed name of G. H. Osborne, and this same person afterwards served as a mate on a vessel named the Hera, and was lost at sea in 1870. Photographs of G. H. Osborne are recognised by Lady Aberdeen, and photographs of the late Earl of Aberdeen are recognised by the friends of G. H. Osborne. Letters from the Earl to Lady Aberdeen tally exactly with what is known of the life of G. H. Osborne. An lately a rifle was sold by G. H. Osborne in America, which is identified beyond all doubt by Mr Henry, of Edinburgh, as being one which he himself sold to the late Earl. The case at present stands over a while, that further evidence may be collected.

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it in the following instances with success:—(1.) A dog got his toes cut off, and his foot divided by a broken glass bottle. He was bleeding profusely, and all the licking of his tongue had no effect. He would not submit to have gum leaves tied round him; so as rapidly as possible some gum leaves were boiled, and the heat brought down with cold water. Though the water was warm, the solution within a minute or two produced a most beneficial effect. (2.) Applied to a pack horse, it healed rapidly a nasty saddle sore; and I think it would act, therefore, as well with equine galls. (3.) Applied to a severe burn to a female on the wrist, it alleviated the pain, and an ugly scar was prevented."

In our last week's issue, a "local" appeared to the effect that Peter de Lorce, who was well-known some years ago on the Otage Gold-fields as the "Champion Swordsman," was sentenced at Hokitika to three years' penal servitude for a robbery of jeweller. We take the following account of the case from the *Grey River Argus*:—At the Supreme Court, Hokitika, on Monday, Sept. 11, before Mr Justice Richmond, Peter de Lorce was indicted for that he did, on the 23rd April last, burglariously break and enter the premises of Peter Kelly, and did steal and carry away certain property, to the value of £300, and money in silver to the value of £7. The prisoner pleaded guilty, and called witnesses to character. He then said that he had been twenty-three years in the Colonies, and had never been through the Insolvent Court; only twice had he been summoned for debt. He had always acted honourably to everyone. He had had the misfortune eight years ago to lose his wife, who had left five small children. He had married again, but his wife had turned out a drunkard, and his family had drifted into destitution. Just before the commission of the robbery, he had received a letter from Westport, stating that his children were starving, and that his eldest boy was beginning in the streets. (Here the prisoner burst out sobbing, which prevented him speaking for some time.) He had been travelling with his two daughters performing, and at the time he received the letter, both his daughters were out of situations, and he himself had but £30 in his pocket. Under this pressure, and for the sake of his family, he had committed the offence. He trusted his Honor would take into consideration the time he had been in gaol, and that he had voluntarily occupied himself in mending and making clothes for the prisoners.

An American paper says:—"Of the persons who occupied thrones when Victoria's reign began, almost all are dead or in exile. Nicholas of Russia, Louis Philippe of France, Ferdinand of Austria, Frederick William of Prussia, Charles John of Sweden, Leopold of Belgium, William of Holland, Ferdinand of the two Sicilies, Louis of Bavaria, Maria of Portugal, Sultan Mahomed, Pope Gregory, and others,—all have gone beyond that river which every breathing thing must cross, without aid of bridge, or boat, or balloon. Don Pedro II of Brazil is one of the few sovereigns of 1837 who survive; but he was then a child of eleven years. Isabella II, the Spanish Queen, "still lives," but she does not reign being an exile. Mr Van Buren, who was our President in 1837, has been dead some years. If we look at the great changes that have taken place since Victoria became Queen, we cannot but be struck by their number, for they include the overthrow of the papal temporal power, the conversion of Italy from a number of small countries and foreign dependencies into a united kingdom, the loss of the European leadership by Russia, the destruction of the Germanic confederation, the defeat of Austria by Prussia, the overthrow of three branches of the House of Bourbon, the restoration of the Bonapartes in France, the creation of two French republics, the conquest of France by the Germans, the fall of Napoleon III, the re-creation of the German empire under the House of Hohenzollern, the setting-up of a new dynasty in Spain, the disestablishment of the Irish church, the second British Reform Bill, the Sepoy mutiny, the opening of China and Japan to Western intercourse and influences, the establishment of ocean steam-navigation, the creation of the electric telegraph, the conquest of Mexico by the United States, the secession war, the abolition of American slavery and the overthrow of American slave-ocracy, rule, and many other strange events. Perhaps not the least remarkable of these changes is that which placed Victoria herself on the throne of Akbar and Aurangzeb."

A most remarkable instance of the intervention of Providence is given in the *Pleasant Creek News*:—A few days ago, a man named Thompson, while at his tent door, at Moyston, observed a boy about seven years old passing towards the common school, and a few minutes afterwards an irresistible conviction seized him that the boy he had lately seen was drowning in an adjacent creek. So unable was he to resist this impression that he ran with all his speed to the spot presented to his mind, when, sure enough, he beheld the disappearing body just below the surface of the water. In an instant he plunged forward and grasped the nearly lifeless body of the child, who had evidently been strangled for some time, and in a few seconds more would have passed into spirit world. Restoratives were applied and the child was restored to its grateful parent. Thompson feels proud that he was used by the hands of Providence in thus preserving a life. He says that his mind was engrossed in other matters when the wretched presented itself, which when concluded seemed to him like a dream.

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VARIETIES.

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Some one says poetically that woman is the melody of the human duet.

Why is a woman's tongue like a planet? Because nothing short of the power that made it can stop it in its course.

Beauty is a morning dream which the breakfast bell puts an end to.

What nation is at present the most war-like? Vicinication—it is all up in arms.

What order of merit would the Queen reward you if she were in a bad temper? Victoria Cross.

Pain Annihilator.—The greatest "pain" annihilator in existence is said to be a boy, who has smashed 1000 windows this year.

There is no medicine like a good joke—it is a silver-coated pill that frolics and physics on the run.

A New York writer don't like the present style of chignons—"they interfere with the presumed rights of a fellow's arms."

A sentimental gentleman intends to petition to Congress to improve the channel of affection, so that henceforth the "course of love may run smooth."

In Elmira, the other day a young lady was discovered who had helped her mother at the housework. Within two weeks she had several desirable offers of marriage, one of which she accepted. Elmira mothers are getting more help from their girls than they ever dreamed of before.

A western legislator is reported to have got off the following:—"I know whom, Mr Speaker; I say it in no disrespect; I know um; I have a heap to do with um. They're a useful class, and yet with the best of 'em you may have trouble."

The old maid who fainted away on hearing there was a "Bath chap" in the house, has since gone raving mad upon being asked by a gentleman at supper "whether she would put her lips to a cobbler."

An Irishman who had blistered his fingers by endeavouring to pull on a pair of boots exclaimed: "I believe I shall never get them on until I wear them a day or two."

A gentleman, on taking a volume of Gibbon to bound, was asked if he would have it bound in Russia.—"Oh no," he replied, "Russia is too far off. I will have it done here."

"Mother," said Ike Partington, "did you know that the iron horse has but one ear?"

"One ear! merciful gracious, child, what do you mean?"—"Why the engineer of course."

Philosophers say that shutting the eyes makes

the sense of hearing more acute. A wag suggests that this accounts for the many that are seen closed at church every Sunday.

A young sot, dining at a fashionable hotel, was requested by a gentleman to pass some article of food that was near him. "Do you mistake me for a waiter?" said the exquisite.—"No, sir, I mistook you for a gentleman," was the reply.

Captain Jinks: "Who is the benevolent looking gentleman just coming in?"—Mrs Malapert: "Mrs Withington Milder, the famous advocate for Woman's Rights."—Capt. Jinks: "Ha, ha! very good; but I mean the little man with the velvet collar."—Mrs Malapert: "Oh, I beg your pardon. That's her husband: he's a most ladylike person, and considered rather pretty!"

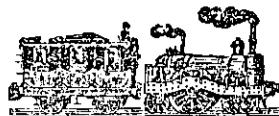
A private in the army recently sent a letter to his sweetheart, in which he finished up with "May heaven cherish and keep you from yours truly, John Smith."

A country paper says that during a rural trial in Court, a young lad, who was called as a witness, was asked if he knew the obligation of an oath, and where he would go if he told a lie. He said he supposed he would go where all the lawyers went to.

Mrs Moore, says an American paper, is of the stuff heroes are made of. At Nashville, when her son fell down a well twenty-four feet deep, she neither fainted nor screamed, but instantly swung herself down, "hand-over-hand," caught the child with her feet, drew herself and son up again, and then, woman-like, thrashed the boy for falling in.

The ladies of San Francisco have been long working steadily for Female Suffrage, but, as usual, not without meeting abundance of serious opposition. A Californian paper now expends its wrath on a terrible innovation, worse than that of women at the ballot-box—it is known as the Freemasons' Lodge. The Irish lady of the 8th Leger family who in the last century managed to acquire the secret of her father's friends, and was afterwards admitted into the Order, has been, it seems, left far behind by the go-ahead dames of the Far West. It is, we are told, "a rark now often heard from the lips of women, 'I am a Mason. I am going to my Lodge to night. I have taken so many degrees.'" The disgusted complainant asks, How is it possible for women to undergo the ordeal of initiation, in which, as he or she informs us, are included the ceremonies of riding on a goat, and being put on a gridiron and into a coffin? The initiation of the writer is directed against the insult done to Freemasonry by admitting women to its sacred mysteries. If the mysteries were such as she imagines, it is the women who are insulted by being invited to share them. But how extraordinary it is that people should assume there is something ridiculous or improper in any assembly to which they are not admitted!

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"Mix'd reason with pleasure
And wisdom with mirth;"

But have, on the contrary, been guilty of a secret vice, which has, as it were, eaten into their very vitals. Many "old young men" consult me, who, though young in years, have, through the vice above alluded to, and by their having been quacked by the unqualified and unskillful medical man, at last given up all hope and succumbed, and are aged in their very youth, unfitted to fulfil the duties which they were sent to this world to perform.

"Be wise to-day, 'tis madness to defer.
Procrastination is the thief of time."

Mr L. L. Smith wishes to impress upon those who are labouring under diseases which cannot be treated by the general medical attendant, from insufficient knowledge and practice, that as an expert in these diseases, he has the right to warn the public at large against the number of blatant charlatans and quacks, who not only extort the money out of the pockets of the patients, but are continually ruining the health of the unfortunate sufferers. Many hundreds yearly present themselves to him from all the different colonies, who are thoroughly bankrupt in health and pocket, and they often lament, when too late, the horrible deception which has been practised on them.

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